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TOPIC 1 Hungarian Troops in Kecskemet, Cegled and Szekesfehervar 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. On 10 October 1952, the building at 3 Dózsa György Street in Kecskemet (Y 4/N 95) was guarded by sentries wearing green service color, one standing at the entrance on Dózsa György Street, and the other at the entrance on Maria Street. Two sedans and a jeep driven by a civilian were parked in front of the building. A new Hungarian barracks installation, where source observed only a senior lieutenant and ten soldiers, was located on the south side of Izsaki Street. It was guarded by soldiers wearing blue service color and lightning cluster insignia. <sup>1</sup>
2. On 9 October 1952, the new Artillery Barracks was located on the southwest side of Toerteli Street in Cegled (Q 48/O 08). It was guarded by soldiers wearing red service color and artillery insignia and quartered about 150 soldiers. Four model 1942 ZIS-3 76-mm field guns, 20 model 1938 122-mm field howitzers and 13 model 1938 152-mm field howitzers were parked in the barracks yard. An antenna was mounted on the roof of the two-story building west of the main entrance. It consisted of two masts, about 5 meters high which were at an intervals of approximately 15 meters. They were guyed with wire cables and supported two antennas. One antenna was fixed at the level of, and the other at a level 3 meters below, the tops of the masts. <sup>2</sup>
3. On 11 October 1952, a new barracks installation quartering a Hungarian unit was located on the west side of the road to Zemoly (Q 48/Z 01), in the northern sector of the city of Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00). It covered an area, about 300 x 200 meters, and was enclosed by a barbed wire fence with concrete poles, about 2 meters high. The installation included one four-story, two three-story, three two-story, and two single-story buildings and one garage. It had two entrances on its eastern edge, each of which was guarded by a soldier wearing blue service color and tank insignia. Four canvas-covered track-laying vehicles mounting guns and four canvas-covered guns mounted on four wheels were parked on the western edge. About 40 soldiers were observed in the installation. The old three-story building with officers' billets, east of the former 17th Regt Barracks was inscribed Szekesfehervar Honved Officers' Club. The former Maedchengymnasium (girls' high school) on the south side of Voeroeshadsereg Street was guarded by a sentry wearing green service color.

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4. A barracks installation was located on the northeast side of the road to Seregelyes (Q 48/E 19), in the eastern sector of the city. It included one three-story castlelike building, one single-story structure and one garage, covered an area, about 200 x 150 meters, and was enclosed by a mesh-wire fence. The roof of the three-story building was topped with an antenna installation of the same type as that described in paragraph 2. The barracks installation had one entrance on its southwestern edge, which was guarded by a soldier wearing green service color. Only a few soldiers and three trucks were observed at the installation.
5. A new barracks installation was located farther to the east, on the south side of the road to Seregelyes, several 100 meters east of the intersection of this road and the Szekesfehervar-Bicske (Q 48/Z 13) railroad line. It included eight single-story buildings, including a guardhouse, a garage and presumably a kitchen; one two-story building and one three-story structure. The barracks installation covered an area, about 300 x 200 meters, and was surrounded by a barbed wire fence, 2 meters high with concrete poles. It had one entrance located on the northern edge, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red service color and artillery insignia. Four canvas-covered long-barreled guns mounted on four wheels were parked in the southern section of the installation. An antenna was on the roof of the two-story building. It was of the same type as the one described in paragraph 2. An observation post occupied by two soldiers, one of whom had a pair of binoculars was observed on the roof of the two-story building. The barracks installation quartered a total of about 50 soldiers. <sup>3</sup>

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6. [REDACTED] a Hungarian soldier wearing dark-green service color and hammer-and-vice insignia rode in the Kecskemet-Budapest train. Another passenger, who was a civilian, said that he had been contracted in early August 1952. He further stated that he had to use his personal tank truck and was assigned to an engineer unit of Kelebia Station (Y 6/S 77) on the Yugoslav border, 40 km west of Szaged (Y 7/T 17). He was the only civilian working in this unit, [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the Hungarian corps headquarters stationed at Kecskemet still occupies the building at 3, Dozsa Gyoergy Street, which is the former Realgymnasium (high school). It is also believed that a Hungarian U/i signal unit is stationed in the new barracks installation on the south side of Izsaki Street.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The guns observed in the new Artillery Barracks on the southwest side of Toerteli Street substantiate the belief that the installation quarters a Hungarian artillery unit. In view of the number and the models of the guns the unit may be a howitzer artillery regiment.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The new barracks installation on the west side of the road to Zamoly may quarter a Hungarian tank or SP gun unit; the former Maedchen-gymnasium (girls' high school) the Hungarian post headquarters; the barracks

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installation on the northeast side of the road to Seregelyes elements of the corps headquarters or a Hungarian rifle unit; the new barracks installation located, farther to the east, on the south side of the road to Seregelyes a Hungarian artillery or AAA unit. A previous report of May 1951 stated that the old building with officers' billets east of the 17th Regt Barracks still quartered the Hungarian corps headquarters stationed at Szekesfehervar. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. No previous report mentioned an engineer unit [REDACTED] at Kelebia Station.

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